



Join in the San Nicolas Limpe project this weekend

This coming Saturday, from 7:00 AM until 5:00 PM, the streets of San Nicolas will be filled with over 300 volunteers participating in the San Nicolas Limpe project, a one-day action to rid the Sunrise City of unsightly refuse. On Wednesday afternoon, the three EPI students that are organizing the event as part of their social project for school put out a call in the media for all the community to join them in this effort to clean up the town at the eastern end of Aruba.

Esneyda Perez, Dannia Jansen and Zahaira Croes are in the Social and Health Care Program of the Skol Educativo Profesional Intermedio, (EPI) and as their final project to complete their degree, have enlisted the assistance of Aruba's police, fire department and SERLIMAR, Aruba's Department of Sanitation, and sponsorship by the San Nicolas Business Association in supporting this community effort. Private enterprise such as Ecotech and Mourik, N.V. are providing dumpsters to haul away the collected refuse and AquaMar is the official sponsor of the event.

During the press conference the three students reminded the public that accumulated refuse not only disfigures the landscape but is a serious health hazard, attracting all sort of vermin, and urge the community to participate in the Saturday clean-up. Groups are asked to sign up and appoint a leader, who will act as liaison with organizers and can obtain for the group food, drinks and supplies, which have been provided by local vendors. Headquarters for the clean-up will be the parking lot of the Joe Laveist Sportpark in San Nicolas, where the day will begin and finish.

Organizers plan to start at the San Nicolas Rotunda and will be radiate from there in all directions, working their way down the two San Nicolas main streets, and then through the side streets to hopefully completely clean up the town by the end of the day. Private waste from backyards and old appliances will not be accepted at the dumpsters, only properly bagged street rubbish.

The students report they have over 300 volunteers already signed up, and warn motorists to take care for the people on the San Nicolas streets participating in Saturday's event. Joining them for the press conference was Major Kenneth Phillips of the San Nicolas Police Headquarters, and Natalie Wolff of Serlimar, who, on behalf of their departments, both expressed their hearty approval of this effort. All those involved in organizing the clean-up additionally expressed the hope that all the island will pay attention to this event, and perhaps other neighborhoods will be inspired to organize such mass clean-ups as well, and that residents of the various barrios will then continue the effort by keeping their communities clean.

For more information, and to sign up for the clean-up, contact Esneyda, Dannia, or Zahaira at telephone # 568-1375, 742-0358, or 565-4514, respectively.